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Observer status for the European Public Law Organization in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Observer status for the European Public Law Organization in the General Assembly" was included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-third session of the General Assembly at the request of Portugal.

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2018, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 14th and 31st meetings, on 15 October and 1 November 2018. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 17 August 2018 from the representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/73/191).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/73/L.6

5. At the 14th meeting, on 15 October, the representative of Portugal, also on behalf of Cyprus, Estonia, France, Georgia, Hungary, Italy, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Observer status for the European Public Law Organization in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/73/L.6) and announced that Bulgaria, Greece, the Netherlands, Romania and Serbia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Armenia and Lithuania also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

6. At its 31st meeting, on 1 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/73/L.6 without a vote (see para. 7).

[1] A/C.6/73/SR.14 and A/C.6/73/SR.31.

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III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Observer status for the European Public Law Organization in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Wishing to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the European Public Law Organization,

1. *Decides* to invite the European Public Law Organization to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the action necessary to implement the present resolution.